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American Red Cross Updates List of Current Evacuation Centers for Southland Wild Fires

Two new shelters/evacuation centers opened: Granada Hills and Simi Valley

PASADENA, CALIF. – October 27, 2003 – The American Red Cross on Monday said that 21 evacuation centers were open as of 1:30 p.m. PST in Southern California to assist the victims of major wild fires that are burning in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

The American Red Cross now reports that 2,475 Southern California residents have sought shelter from the raging brush fires, down from nearly 5,000 as of mid-day Sunday. Red Cross officials said that more centers could open if the fires worsen, or if more fires break out.

Here is a list of the 21 evacuation centers currently open:

AB Miller High School, 266 West Randall Drive, Fontana Balboa Park Municipal Gymnasium, 2111 Pan American Plaza @ President's Way, San Diego Camarillo Pleasant Valley Parks and Recreation Center, 1605 East Burnley St., Camarillo Claremont High School, 1601 North Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont Fillmore Boys and Girls Club, 620 Shiells Drive, Fillmore Granada Hills High School, 10535 Zelzah Ave. Granada Hills Hesperia High School, 9898 Maple Ave., Hesperia Jesse Turner Center, 6396 Citrus Ave., Fontana

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Julian High School, 1656 Highway 78, Julian Magnolia High School, 13150 Mountain Ave., Upland Mira Mesa High School, 10510 Regan Road, Mira Mesa Mountain Empire Junior and Senior High School. 3305 Buckman Springs Road, Pine Valley Poway Community Center, 13094 Bowron, Poway Rancho Santa Susanna Community Center, 5005 East Los Angeles Ave., Simi Valley Royal High School, 1402 Royal Ave., Simi Valley San Bernardino International Airport, 294 South Leland Norton Way, San Bernardino Santana High School, 9915 Magnolia, Santee St. Peters Catholic Church, 450 S. Stagecoach Lane, Fallbrook Sultana High School, 17311 Sultana Ave., Hesperia Temecula Valley High School, 31555 Rancho Vista Road, Temecula Thousand Oaks Community Center, 2525 Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks West Hills High School, 8756 Mast Blvd., Santee (On Stand-by)

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of Southern California Wildfires and thousands of other disasters across the country each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to those in need. Call 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P. O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting www.redcross.org.

For information about client services and shelters, call 1-866-GET INFO. The San Gabriel Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, headquartered in Pasadena, is the California state lead for public affairs.

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